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Testimony

SB 428 "An Act Concerning Revisions to Public Health Related Statutes"

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Chairman Harris, Chairwoman Ritter and Honorable Members of the Public Health Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 428, specifically Section 65(b)(2). This section of the bill is what I refer to as Laura's Law, Laura's law is named after my cousin Ann's daughter Laura who died while waiting for an organ transplant.

This section is modeled after a similar law that has recently passed the Massachusetts State House, where Massachusetts has added to tax return documents a link to the Registry of Motor Vehicles website where people can register as an organ donor. Connecticut currently does not have the capability to register to be an organ donor online, so what this section does is allow for a space on tax return documents where people can indicate their consent to become an organ donor, the department of revenue would then send this information to the Department of Motor Vehicles to be added to the database that they already maintain.

Thank you for allowing me to testify today on this very important legislation. I look forward to working with you to move this through the process. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have.